



Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa

*Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 9th, 2016, 8:00 a.m.
The Skillet, Mt. Vernon*

Attending: Jean Sullivan, Teri Jo Griebat, Secretary, and Deb Schultz, Treasurer, and Sherri Hunt, Director.

- I. I-Smile Program Presentation** – Rikki Hetzler, I-Smile Coordinator with Trinity Muscatine Public Health will present on I-Smile Program Expansion services in Cedar County.
- II. Child Care Nurse Consultant Presentation** – Sandra Hill, Child Care Nurse Consultant with Trinity Muscatine Public Health will present on Nurse Consultant Services in Cedar County.
- III. Board Membership and Officers** – Teri Jo Griebat wants to renew her Board membership for an additional three years. Sherri has contacted Dennis Boedeker for his thoughts on continuing his membership.
- IV. Preschool Funding Discussion** – Sherri told the committee about changes in the Anamosa Preschool structures and proposed changes. Current changes will eliminate the need for scholarships in this district. This is a result of financial guidance from the Department of Education. Three year old preschools must operate as a business and financially sustain programming without the use of DE \$\$ or children not eligible for state funds. Transportation for preschools is no longer an allowable cost through Statewide Voluntary Preschool funds. Every child in preschool must pay its fair share of the cost allocated to a program. And Statewide Voluntary Preschool programs (SWVPP) may not charge child and their families for services. Additional hours of programming must provide for a clear distinction from SWVPP. Sherri will monitor for impact with other preschools in the ECI area.
- V. Book Drive** – Books are being collected and initial responses seem very positive. Books are being stored at Life Connections in Anamosa to prepare for sorting and distribution. Approximately \$700 in donations has been collected and bags for distribution are being ordered.
- VI. Project Oversight Committee Meeting** – A Project Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21st, at 4:30pm at Olin Consolidated School in their Community Room. Agenda items are as follows:
 - a. Child Care Nurse Consultant Discussion with State CCNC** – Heidi Hotvedt will be present to discuss the role of Child Care Nurse Consultants from a State perspective.
 - b. Program Changes for FY17** – Discussion of any recommended programming changes.

- c. **Release of Funds Process for FY17** – Discussion and processes for releasing FY17 funds.
- d. **Review of Community Plan** -- The plan will be updated and priorities and community needs assessment reviewed.

VII. Health Fair – Sherri is considering withdrawing from participation in the Monticello Health Fair in April. The target audience does not seem to be focused on early childhood and she feels impact would be minimal.

VIII. Connections Matter/ACES Training -- Sherri will be helping Dionne Daedlow do a Connections Matter community presentation in Tipton on March 23rd, 2016 and is working with Julie Orris to offer a ACES Training in Monticello on April 4th, 2016.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 13th, 2016, 8:00 a.m.,
The Skillet in Mt. Vernon

Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 23rd, 2016, 8:30 a.m., Olin Consolidated School, Olin